

**Colchester Youth and Social Services**  
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**CES, JJIS, WJJMS and BACON**

**Community Conversation- Kids & Mental Health**

Join Colchester Youth & Social Services at their upcoming Community Conversation on Wednesday, February 6th! There will be a panel of young adults from the National Alliance on Mental Illness speaking about important issues surrounding youth and mental health. Learn how to help a friend, your child or yourself. Topics will include anxiety, depression, self-harm, and more. Panel discussion will take place from 6pm-7pm in the WJJMS Black Box Theater with free pizza at 5:45pm. Local resources will be available after the event. All students in grades 6-12 along with their parents are invited, as well as concerned community members. Extra credit will be available for students from participating teachers! This event is brought to you by Colchester Youth Services and UCFS.

**JJIS, WJJMS and BACON**

**Input Needed- Parent Survey**

Summer is right around the corner, help us to make this the best one yet!

Colchester Youth Services plans day trips and programs each day throughout the summer for kids entering 6th-10th grades, and this year we will be offering select trips to kids entering 4th-5th grade as well!

Participating in our summer programs is an enjoyable and relatively affordable way for kids to spend the summer in a safe, supervised environment. Our summer trips provide opportunities for kids to try new experiences, challenge themselves, learn new skills, do community service and spend time with the friends. Our summer adventures will begin on June 24th and end August 16th. We're always looking for new and exciting adventures, but we're bringing back some tried and true favorites too – Dave & Buster's, Laser Tag, Trampolining, Kayaking and more!

We try to keep prices as low as possible and scholarships are available to those who qualify. Pick-up and drop-off are at the Town Hall and trips typically run from 9am-4pm.

Please visit our website at [www.colchesterct.gov/youth](http://www.colchesterct.gov/youth) to fill out the quick 1 minute survey! Upon completion, you can enter to win a \$100 Stop and Shop gift card.

**CES and JJIS**

**Half Day Hooray- February 15th**

Half-Day Hooray is a program designed for Colchester students in grades K through 5, presented by Colchester Recreation, Youth Services and Cragin Library. This program is held at CES for grades K-2 and at JJIS for grades 3-5. Our STEAM program will take place on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:55pm to 4:15pm. The fee per child is \$20 and registration is open on a first come, first served basis to the first 60 kids at each school. Registration closes on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Snack is included in the program.

Half Day Hooray- STEAM features a program with Connecticut Science Center, as well as guided painting and games! Be sure to sign up for our STEAM day, you won't want to miss it! Registration forms can be found online at [www.colchesterct.gov](http://www.colchesterct.gov), at school, or at the sponsoring

departments. Scholarships may be available to children who qualify for free or reduced lunch, documentation is required. Call (860) 537-7255 with any questions.

### **WJJMS and BACON**

#### **Snowtubing at Powder Ridge- February 19, 2019**

No plans on your day off from school? Join Youth Services for 2 hours of snow tubing fun at Powder Ridge followed by lunch at Five Guys. This trip runs from 10 am-3 pm, but Open Youth Center will be available at 9am for drop-off before the trip and until 4pm for pick-up (optional). Open for grades 6-12. Registration fee is \$40. **PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF WILL BE AT THE YOUTH CENTER (40 NORWICH AVE)**

### **WJJMS and BACON**

#### **Sky's the Limit- March 8, 2019**

Colchester students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for 1.5 hours of jumping at Launch Trampoline Park in Hartford followed by a buffet lunch and a \$20 Power Card for the arcade at Dave and Buster's in Manchester. There is no better way to spend a day off from school! This program runs from 9am-4pm. Pick up and Drop off will be at the Town Hall. Registration fee is \$48.

### **WJJMS**

**Open Youth Center**  
**Time: 2:00pm – 4:30pm**  
**Grades 7 & 8: Mondays**  
**Grades 6: Wednesdays**  
**Fee: None**

In addition to full time Youth Services' staff, 5 part time staff members also help to supervise Open Youth Center. After-school snacks are provided and we also offer air hockey, crafts, pool table, outdoor games, WiiU, Xbox, homework help, and more! Join us for some extra special themed weeks which give the chance to dress up, compete for prizes, and so much more. You do not need to pre-register to attend the Youth Center. Students will receive instructions for online registration at their first visit, they must be registered online to attend again. Registration can be found at [www.colchesterct.gov/youth](http://www.colchesterct.gov/youth). Please give us a call if you have any further questions or concerns about Open Youth Center.

### **WJJMS and BACON**

#### **Volunteer opportunity for grades 7-12**

Teens in Action is a service learning program with the goal of having teens take pride in their community and acknowledging the things that they can do to make change in the world around them. Colchester Youth Services provides several different activities throughout the school year and during school breaks. One of our ongoing projects is taking care of the Colchester Food Bank, which serves residents right here in our own town. Each Tuesday during the school year, we will have students come to the Town Hall after school from 2:30-3:30 to help stock the shelves, clean, and organize the space so that it is ready for shopping days. Students will sign up with the commitment of attending each Tuesday during a 2 month period. Registration is online at [www.colchesterct.gov/youth](http://www.colchesterct.gov/youth).

*For further information on any of our programs contact:  
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